

**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:**

The attached sheet is a replacement drawing for Figure 1. The legend "Prior Art" has been added to figure 1.

**Attachments:**

Replacement Sheet for Figure 1 is attached.

## REMARKS

In the Office Action<sup>1</sup>, the Examiner objected to the drawing Figure 1; objected to claims 1-13; and rejected claims 8 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

Applicants have amended Figure 1 and have amended claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 12, and 13. Claims 1-13 remain pending.

The Examiner stated, "Figure 1 should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art-- because only that which is old is illustrated" (Office Action at page 2). In response, Applicants attach a replacement drawing for Figure 1 including a legend "Prior Art." Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner approve the replacement drawing and withdraw the objection to the drawings.

The Examiner stated, "claims 1-13 are objected to because of the letters N and R are not defined in claims (Office Action at page 2). In response, Applicants have amended claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 12, and 13 to define the letters N and R.

The Examiner rejected claims 8 and 13 because "the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter...claims are drawn to a computer program(s)" (Office Action at page 3).

In response, Applicants have amended claims 8 and 13 to recite a "a computer-readable storage medium having a program," instead of a "program." A storage medium is a statutory article of manufacture.

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<sup>1</sup> The Office Action contains a number of statements reflecting characterizations of the related art and the claims. Regardless of whether any such statement is identified herein, Applicants decline to automatically subscribe to any statement or characterization in the Office Action.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Attachments:      Figure 1**